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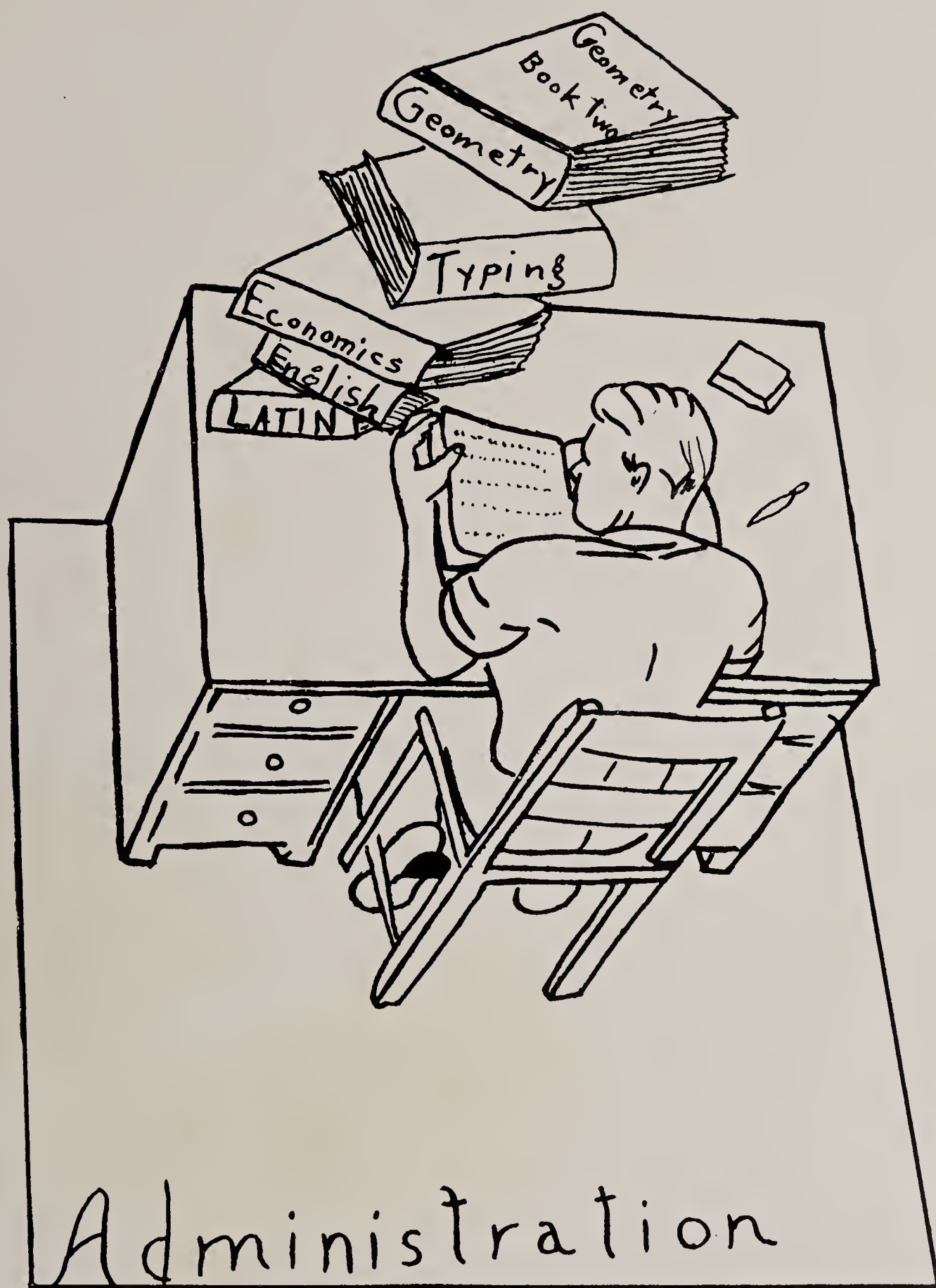
The Irishite staff presents this book to you. In it we have tried to include all the activities, experiences, feelings, and memories of the school year 1949-1950. We hope this book will in future years bring back to you all the life and vigor spent at I.H.S.

Dedication

This Irishite is dedicated to the faculty and students of I.H.S. This year has seen great dreams of progress and growth for Ireland High School become a reality. New buildings and a good faculty have made it a year of inspiration and attainment.



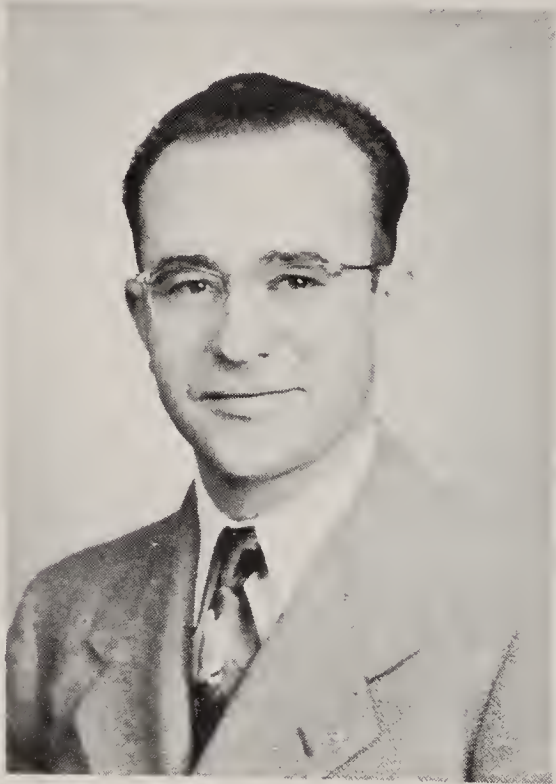
IRELAND HIGH SCHOOL



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Indiana State Teachers College
Social Studies, Latin
Mathematics and English



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Oakland City College
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Physical Ed.
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Basketball Coach
Sophomore Class Sponsor



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Social Studies and English
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Senior Sponsor and School Treasurer
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Teacher of Primary Grades



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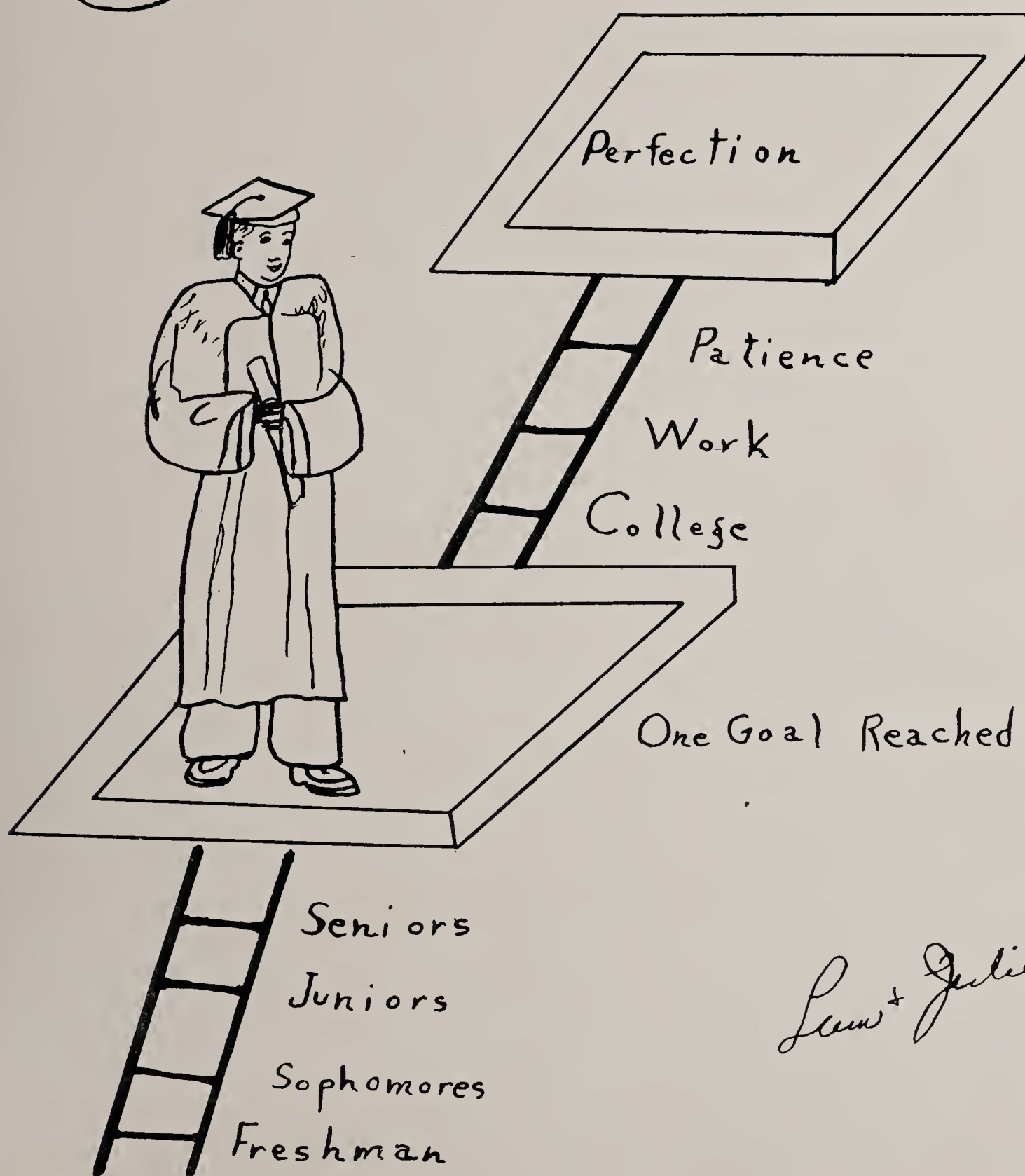
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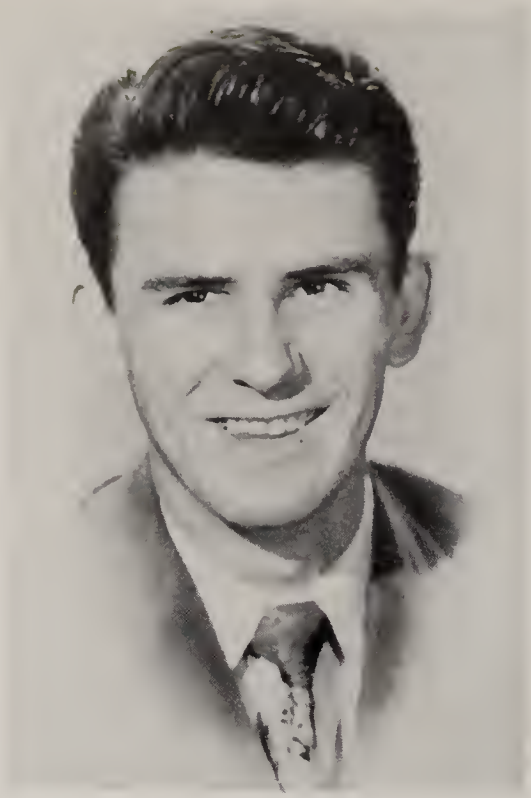
Holding Company

Sitting, left to right: Clifford Eskew, Lawrence Bartley, Finton Schwenk.
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Armstrong. Karl Mehringer is absent.

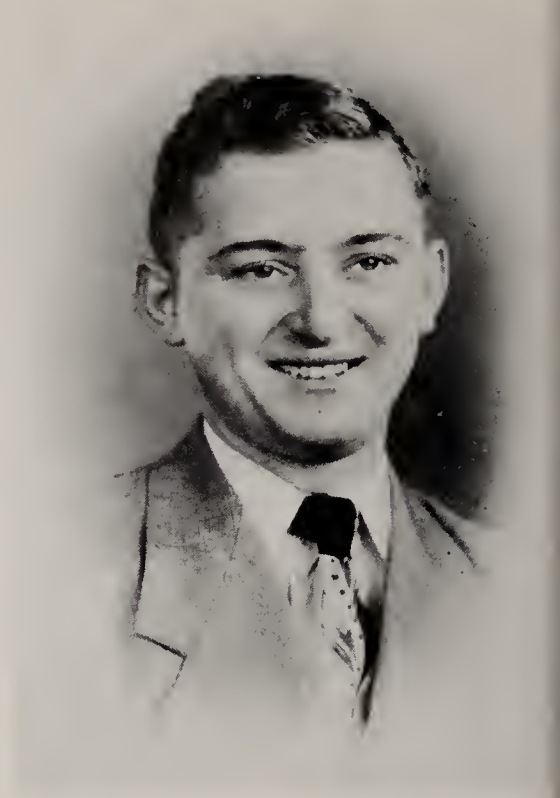
Seniors



Lew + Julie



WILBUR EDWARDS,
President



ROBERT BARTLEY,
Vice-President

Senior

Class

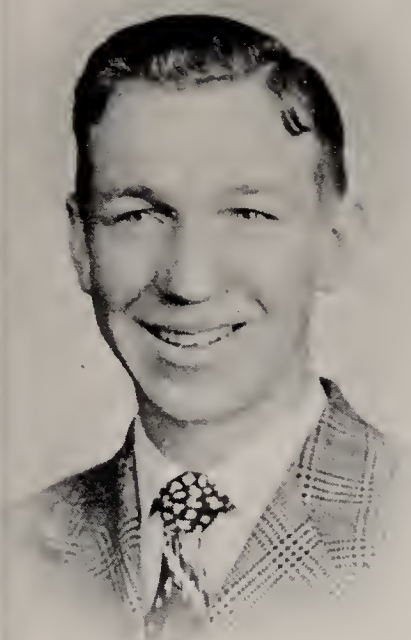
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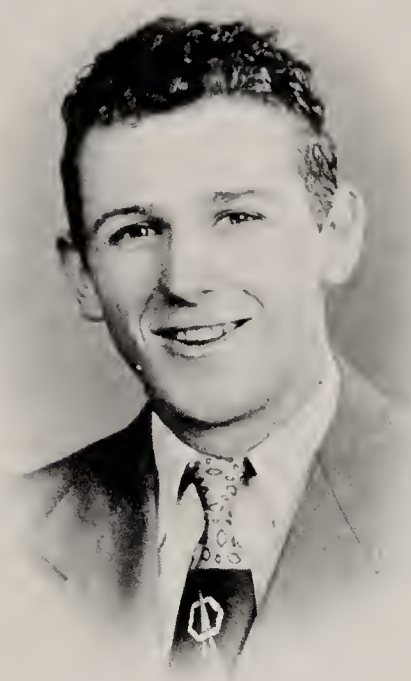
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Secretary



RITA DURCHOLZ,
Treasurer



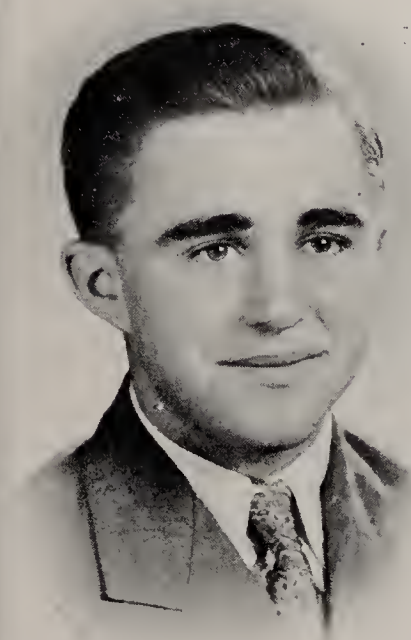
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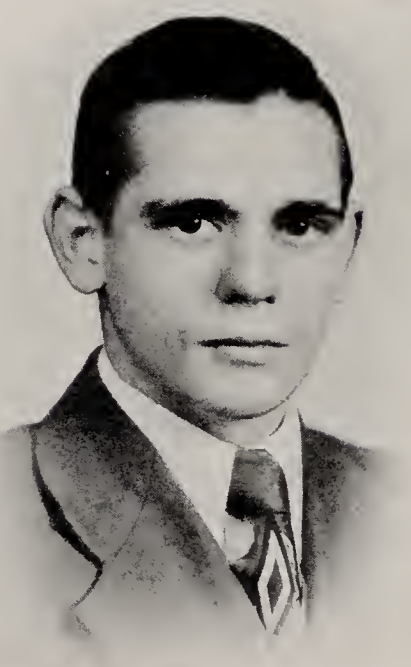
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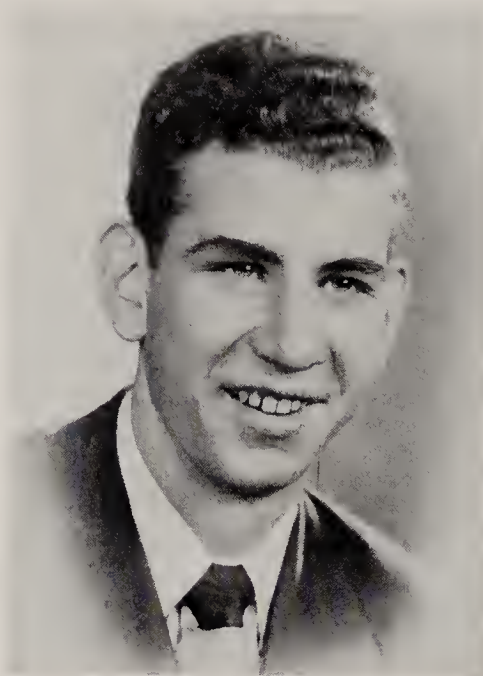
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BETTY LEINENBACH



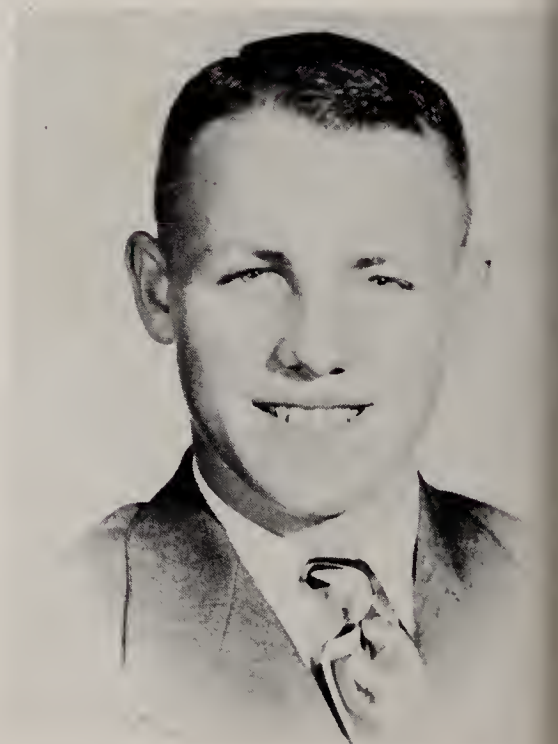
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RAY MERKLEY



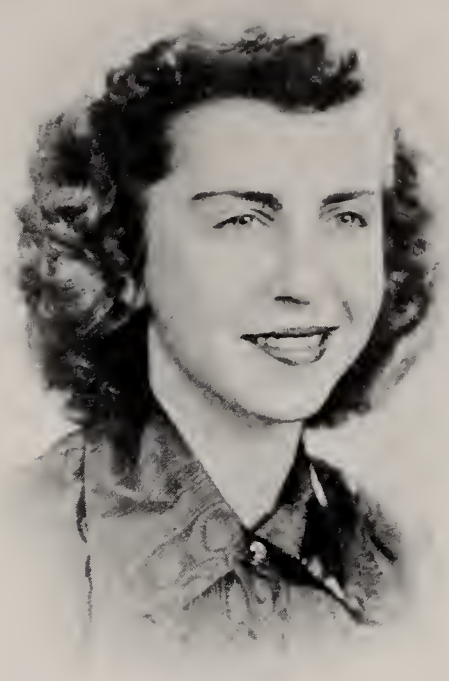
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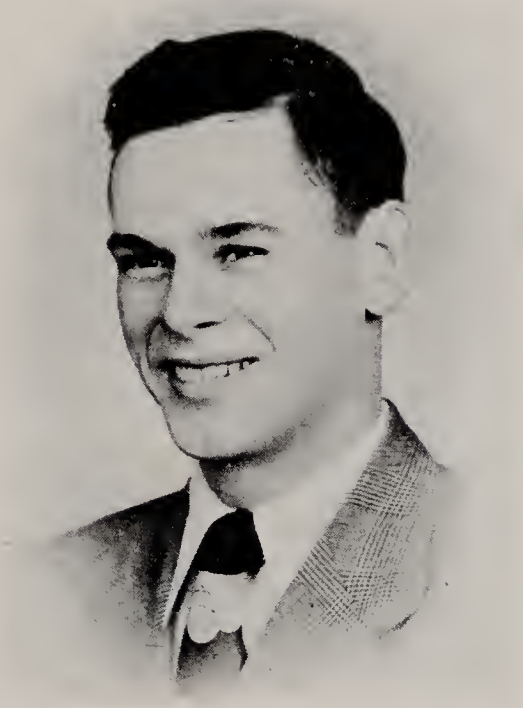
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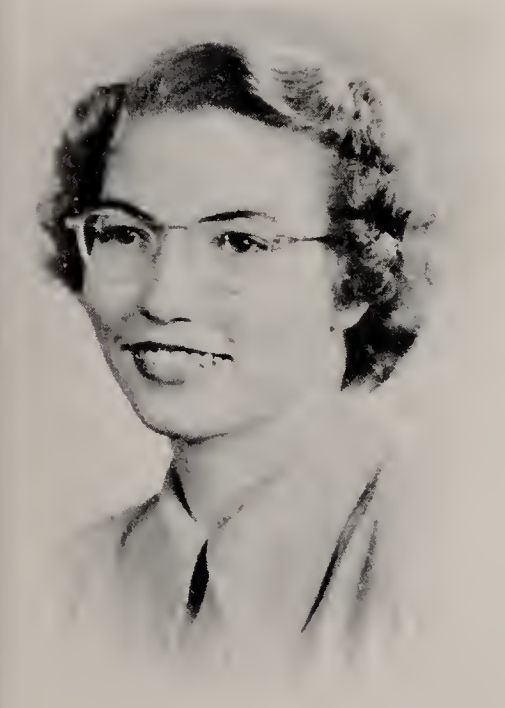
MARGIE ACKERMAN



PATTY GOEPPNER



DONALD BONIFER



MARY RITA BUSCHKOETTER



HAZEL MAE HIMSEL

Class History

In the beginning of the one thousand nine hundred and forty-sixth year of our Lord, in the ninth month and on the sixth day of the month there entered into this Land of Learning, twenty-six seekers of knowledge. We were green and fresh to the high school life.

It came to pass, as they did enter this land, that they were received with wild welcoming and rejoicing by those who it was decreed should henceforth lead them up the slippery by-ways of knowledge.

In the latter part of September the following election of class sponsor and officers took place: Mrs. Ruth Schiller, Class Sponsor; Miss Betty Lou Leinenbach, President; Mr. Ray Merkley, Vice-President; Miss Margie Ackerman, Secretary and Treasurer.

On October 2, 1946, the Sophomores gave us an initiation party which was a great deal of excitement and thrills for all. On February 12, 1947, we gave the Sophomores a return party which was enjoyed by all.

Participating on the basketball line-up were: Bob Bartley, Donald Bonifer, Wilbur Edwards, Ray Merkley and Amos Schnaus.

Then our first year of high school was complete and we awaited the long summer vacation.

As September of 1947 came around, we entered high school not as Green Freshmen but as Silly Sophomores.

The election of officers was held in the same procedure as the preceding year. The ones taking a position this year were: Miss Fern Broadwell, Class Sponsor; Miss Hazel Mae Himsel, President; Mr. Ray Merkley, Vice-President; Miss Bettye Lou Leinenbach, Secretary; Lenora Vonderheide, Treasurer.

Since we were now Sophomores, we had the privilege of planning the Initiation Party on October 2, which they feared but yet looked forward to. This was received with malicious glee by all.

In the Sophomore year it is customary to order class sweaters. Royal blue with a white "I" were chosen for colors of our sweaters.

Our next social event was a Valentine Party which was given by the Freshmen class in return to the initiation party.

Our sponsor entertained us at a weiner roast near the close of our second school year.

By that time we were looking forward to a few months of vacation.

Our class was well represented on the basketball line-up with the following on the squad: Bob Bartley, Donald Bonifer, Wilbur Edwards, Ray Merkley, Maurice Rohleder, Amos Schnaus and Jim Wigand.

Although we were very happy to see the summer vacation come, we were also ready to go back to school and take the position as the "Jolly" Juniors.

CLASS HISTORY—Continued

In the latter part of September the election of class sponsor and officers took place. They were as follows: Miss Melba Miller, Sponsor; Margie Ackerman, President; Ray Merkley, Vice-President; Lawrence Miller, Secretary; Bettye Lou Leinenbach, Treasurer, were elected. The Seniors entertained us with a Theatre Party on October 4. The movie seen was "Take Me Out To The Ball Game". After the movie a lunch was served at the school.

The great event, the arrival of our class rings, finally came. We proudly displayed them to everyone we knew.

Our Christmas vacation being over we started on our class play. Finally after much reading we decided to give "Here Comes Charlie" which was a great success with the help of Miss Melba Miller, our Play Director. The cast included Mary Rita Buschkoetter, Lawrence Miller, Margie Ackerman, Leroy Weisheit, Bettye Lou Leinenbach, Hazel Mae Himsel, Rita Mae Durcholz, David Schmitt, Ray Merkley, Donald Bonifer, and with James Wigand taking care of sound and stage effects and Maurice Rohleder as prompter.

The next big event of the Junior year was the Junior-Senior Banquet. It was held at the V.F.W. on April 23. Mary Ann Schwenk and Wilfred Gress were Queen and King. After spending many hours preparing for the great day, we're sure everyone enjoyed it.

This brought us to another close of school year.

As the Senior class of 1949, we returned the following fall, realizing that this would be our last year of school.

We held a meeting and chose our officers for the coming year. They were as follows: Mr. Buechler, Sponsor; Wilbur Edwards, President; Bob Bartley, Vice-President; Lenora Vonderheide, Secretary; Rita Mae Durcholz, Treasurer.

We also chose four members of the class for student council. They were as follows: Bettye Lou Leinenbach, Lawrence Miller, Amos Schnaus, and Margie Ackerman.

We had two school dances which were sponsored by the Senior class. One was an old fashion dance and the other a Christmas dance. They were all a great success.

The Senior girls had the responsibility of decorating the basketball queen throne. This was the first year that Ireland crowned the basketball queen. Miss Martha Jane Schnaus was honored as queen.

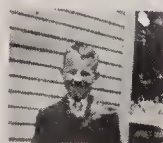
The basketball line-up for a very successfull year were as follows: Amos Schnaus, Captain; Ray Merkley, Bob Bartley, Don Bonifer, Lawrence Miller, and Maurice Rohleder.

The Senior class had the privilege of giving the first class play in the New Gym. The play chosen was "The Hobgoblin House"! Mrs. Langley was chosen as Play Director. The play was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Buechler, our class sponsor, entertained us on New Year's Day with a chicken fry.

Another class activity was a sleigh riding party.

April 25, 1950, the day of Commencement, brought our high school life to a close.



Reminiscing?? . . . Daydreaming?? . . . Star Gazing?? . . . Call it what you may but school days are the happy days like when . . . Everyone was humming "Dear Hearts and Gentle People" . . . or nonsensical "Mule Train" . . . Being officially initiated as green freshman . . . Showing off our new class sweaters and rings . . . Hilarious class parties . . . schoolgirl crushes on Peter (My Ideal) Lawford . . . that "New Look" . . . Mr. Lasher giving us unexpected Government tests . . . First crowning of basketball queen . . . red hot basketball games . . . "Here Comes Charlie" . . . Measles! . . . Study halls and Mrs. Esarey . . . 200 word themes . . . Crepe sole shoes and corduroy jackets . . . pep sessions with lots of hep . . . Ray Merkley burning midnight oil at Betty's house . . . Mr. Buechler's famous words "One Minute" . . . senior play "Hobgoblin House" . . . Drivers Training . . . Selling concessions at games . . . 10 laps around the grinder . . . Mr. Allen and his History books . . . crew hair cuts . . . back bends in Physical Ed . . . Wilbur and Margie's quarrels . . . Mrs. Langley and her Chrysler . . . play practice . . . the Junior and Senior proms. . . and last but not least . . . marching up the aisle on Commencement night.



Senior Class Will

We, the class of 1950, in the town of Ireland, the county of Dubois, and the state of Indiana, being in as good mental condition as usual, and in much better temper than usual, do hereby make this, our last will and testament, rendering void and of no avail any former will or wills that may have been previously made by us during a period of temporary optimism.

We give and bequeath to the Junior class our well-known nerve, which they will need next year, and all the examination questions we have been given during the past year.

To our good friends the Sophomore class, we leave our patience. It will be found useful as the only means which they can endure the Juniors.

To the young and unsophisticated Freshmen we leave our hope that they will be successful in the years ahead.

To our principal we give and bequeath a sense of relief that we have at last been graduated, pleasant memories of our four years together, and a feeling of pride in any great deeds or noteworthy achievements that our future may contain. We realize that such glories, if any, will owe much to his example and counsel.

We give and bequeath to the teachers our very kindest regards and our sincere gratitude for their unfailing kindness and aid.

The smaller individual bequests are as follows:

Bob Bartley wills his ability in Geometry class to Mr. Lasher; don't get your angles mixed.

Betty Leinenbach wills her ability to always be getting into trouble to Mary Jahn.

Lawrence Miller wills his faithful Ford to Mitzie Gress; you can't ruin a good Ford.

Amos Schnaus wills his curly hair to Morris Weidenbenner.

Rosie Mehringer wills her business-like ways to her brother Norb.

Wilbur Edwards wills his immense height to some tall fellow like Junie Himself.

Mary Buschkoetter wills her quiet voice to Betty Armstrong.

SENIOR CLASS WILL—Continued

Jim Wigand leaves with everyone the hope that some day he will grow.

Rita Durcholz wills her bright and happy smile to anyone who can use it.

Mary Terwiske wills her ambitious study habits to Ester Bartley.

Ray Merkley wills his arguing ability to Patty Morgan.

Leroy Weisheit wills his red hat to anyone man enough to wear it.

Pat Goeppner wills her seat in the senior row to Lillian Goeppner.

Donald Bonifer wills his cowboy boots and ability to ride horses to Alma Sendleweck.

Maurice Rohleder wills his title of quietest senior boy to Tony Terwiske.

Hazel Himsel wills her ability to write themes to Nancy Schwenk.

David Schmitt will his great athletic ability to Frank Schmitt.

Lenora Vonderheide wills to anybody who will accept it, as yet unclaimed, her trouble as class secretary.

Bob Bartley wills his title of Cheeseburger Champ to Tommy Sermersheim.

Lawrence Miller wills his "E's" in Citizenship to Randy McCain.

Ray Merkley wills his ability to have only one girl in his life to all the I. H. S. Romeo's.

Betty Leinenbach wills her long distance phone calls to Anna Hopf.

Leroy Weisheit wills his likeness for redheads to Tommy Kellams.

Mary Terwiske wills her excitement at ball games to Gladys Ragle.

Wilbur Edwards wills his ability of getting out of school to Raphael Ackerman.

Rita Durcholz wills her sparkling eyes to Betty Merhinger.

Pat Goeppner wills her ability to open cokes at games to her sister Viola.

Don Bonifer wills the mimeoscope glass he broke to Mrs. Langley.

Hazel Himsel wills her wit to Betty Sermersheim.

Maurice Rohleder wills his basketball fame to Jerome Buschkoetter.

David Schmitt wills his thinking power to Mr. Buechler.

Class Prophecy

Last night, being restless and weary with the cares of the day, I longed for a change of scene and time. Sitting before my fireplace I fell into a slumbering sleep, with my mind wandering into the future of the Senior class of 1950. I saw in a dream how in the future they would build up the little town of Ireland into a large industrial and well known center.

First I saw Wilbur Edwards who has an over developed imagination and an undeveloped digestion which are producing wonderful results. He has the ability to construct the wierdest tales at practically a minute's notice. Due to his talent he has become one of the world's greatest salesman having his main office in the center of Ireland. In the future we see him selling Florida lots by the gross to the inhabitants of Labrador and Igloos to the dwellers of the Sahara.

Rita Mae Durcholz, being a nervous and inquisitive type, will become news reporter of Ireland. She will be so alert that when the great crime of the year 1970 takes place in this mysterious little town she will be interviewing the criminal while he is committing the crime, and she also will be noted for her ability to get tomorrow's news last week.

Bobby Bartley, inheriting his fathers large business, has made it into one of the world's larges Purina selling centers. In fact, it is so large and Bob being the president, you will find his picture on all outgoing bags of feed. This form of advertising is very original and Bob is the only one in the world to use it.

Alter Creek, a stream running through the east section of Ireland, has been a hindrance to it ever since it was established. During the flood of 1977 this little stream has shown its wicked powers by overflowing. All residents of Ireland were very much concerned about this matter so Maurice Rohleder, world famous engineer, constructed a large dam which eliminated all the worry of the residents. Due to his great heroic work, it is now called "Rohleder Dam."

Rosemary Mehringer has a keen business ability, and she is now her father's secretary. While in the coal mining business one of the men working in the coal mine discovered oil. It is now one of the largest oil refining centers in the central part of the United States. Rosie, now having inherited the business, is a wealthy business woman.

CLASS PROPHECY—Continued

Donald Bonifer is not a modern type. He is a lad not easily discouraged and never gives up. By 1979 he will have become America's champion pole sitter, non-stop-aviator, radio listener, marathon dancer, bicycle rider, pretzel eater, mammy singer, and cow puncher.

Leroy Weisheit has made Hog Heaven into the largest summer resort in the world. His estate contains many large lakes, and his attraction is the enormous skiing tournaments that have been changed from Switzerland to Hog Heaven. There are hundreds of other features at this wonderful place all at the reasonable price of only \$100 a day.

While passing through the large city of Ireland I was astonished to see the policemen wearing skirts. To my surprise it was Mary Terwiske, head officer of the police force. I stopped and talked to Mary and she told me of all the famous crimes she had solved. And also the large force working under her. Her most valuable man is none other than David (bloodhound) Schmitt. Dave's motto is smell 'em out or die tryin'.

Being hungry I stopped off at a large night club called the Ritzy Stork. The owner being James Anthony Wigand. The walls were nothing but mirrors and all the most up to date night club decorations. Just as I finished my meal, it was curtain time for the sensational Margurite Alma Ackerman. Margurite had just returned from a recent tour of Europe where she gave numerous concerts.

Among the many celebrities dining at the club were Mr. Raymond Joseph Merkley, big time operator of the Raymond modeling agency dining with his most famous model Elizabeth Louise Leinenbach. Elizabeth had just finished posing for a cover of the famous magazine, "Men", whose editor is none other than Mr. Lawrence Miller another old class mate. Ray is thinking of starting an agency at Ireland, but Elizabeth does not want to move to such a small country town. They have offices in New York and Hollywood. Don't forget to see Lawrence's latest edition of "Men" which contains a complete story of Raymond's agency and numerous pictures.

I left the Ritzy Stork and drove on up the street. It was then I saw a huge neon sign, "Patty's Peppy Pills." As I was in front of the big building, I saw a blond headed girl getting out of a snappy limousine.

CLASS PROPHECY—Continued

I stopped and spoke to her, and sure enough, it was Patty Goeppner, my old classmate, now a Vitamin Pill manufacturer. She took me on a personal conducted tour through the plant. Then Pat took me to her Penthouse on Broadway; we talked over old times and she told me about her friend Hazel Mae Himsel who is now Dean of the Dormitory College for Girls for the past ten years and noted Educator, Author of "What Isn't Wrong with Education" and "How to Teach Russia to a Low IQ." She prides herself on having the most expensive and best college in America. All the rich aristocrats send their daughters to get their degrees. Her hobby is failing to pass intelligence tests. She belongs to the famous club and sororities as: Daughters of the Mental Alert and Mind Over Matter.

It was shocking to learn that Lenora Vonderheide was running for 34th President of the United States on the Independent Ticket. She has been active in politics since infancy. She has been mayor of her town for three years, United States Senator two terms, Speaker of the House one term. She has sponsored the bill for disfranchising saxophone players, radio crooners and talkative fishermen and is noted for her unique foreign policy. It has not yet been made public and probably never will be. Hobby: Crocheting bathmats; Club: League of Discontented Voters.

Mary Rita Buschkoetter has created the Lonely Harts Club of America. She has a club in every state her main office being the suburb of the great town of Ireland. Many poor people have been greatly helped through the heroic deeds of this so great a woman.

I remember the old church at Ireland and thought I would go in to see if it had changed. The old Church building had been enlarged and redecorated. A new school had been built to accommodate the hundreds of children attending. Stopping at the Rectory I inquired who the present pastor was. To my great surprise they told me it was Reverend Amos Schnaus. It was such a surprise, everyone thought Amos would marry Mary Ann Schwenk. It seems that Mary saw some one who suits her better. I was so shocked to hear this that I fell from my chair and so ended my dream of the Senior Class of 1950.

UNDER CLASSMEN



UP !!

Junior Class

We, the ten Jolly Juniors of Ireland High School, are preparing ourselves for the coming Senior Year.

At our first class meeting we elected our class officers. They are as follows: Carol Wagner, President; Alf Burger, Vice-President; Lillian Goeppner, Secretary; Millie Mehringer, Treasurer; Mrs. Esarey was appointed class sponsor.

On September 18, 1949, we were proud to receive our class rings. This was what we had waited for ever since our high school days.

Two boys from our class who are members of the varsity basketball team are, Alf Burger and Frank Schmitt. Tony Terwiske, our student manager, and Pat Morgan, one of the Cheer Leaders, are also from our class.

The two girls from our class that took part in the crowning of the basketball queen, held on December 2, 1949, were Millie Mehringer and Carol Wagner.

One of the biggest events of the school year was the Junior-Senior Banquet which was held the latter part of April. A delicious dinner was served at six o'clock after which a very enjoyable evening was spent dancing to the music of a popular orchestra.

The Junior Class Play, "Sunbonnet Jane From Sycamore Lane", was given the first part of April. This play was a three-act comedy packed with laughs from start to finish. The entire Junior Class participated in the play and also one Sophomore boy. Mr. Buechler was director of the play.

During the process of the year there were many parties held. These were made possible by selling cokes at the basketball games.

We, the Junior Class, knowing what great a position we have to fill next year, are preparing for it with great courage.



Tony
Terwiske



Alf
Burger



Frank
Schmitt



Carol
Wagner



Mary
Jahn



Lillian
Goeppner



Patty
Morgan



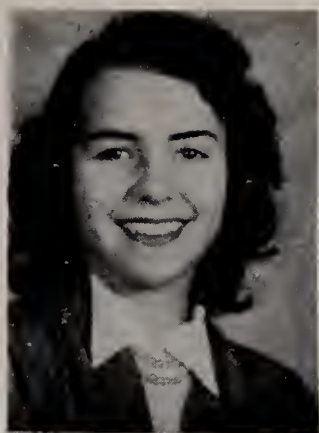
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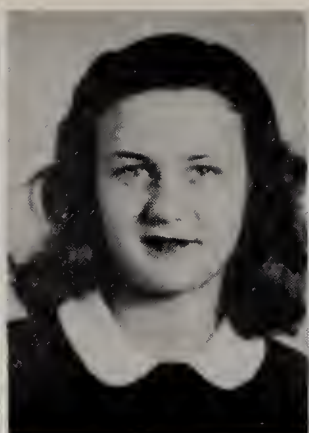
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Norma
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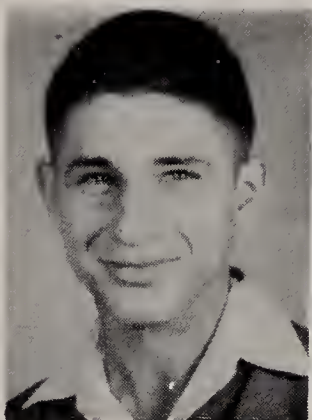
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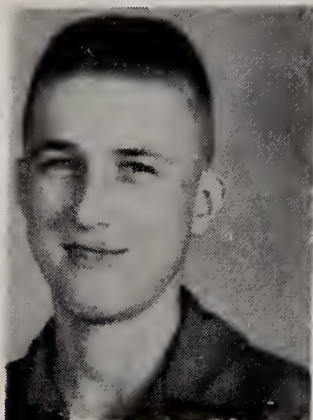
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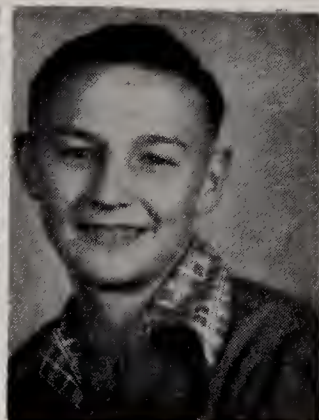
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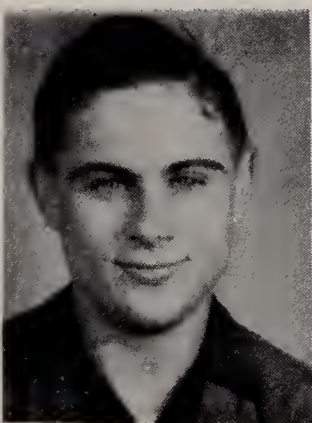
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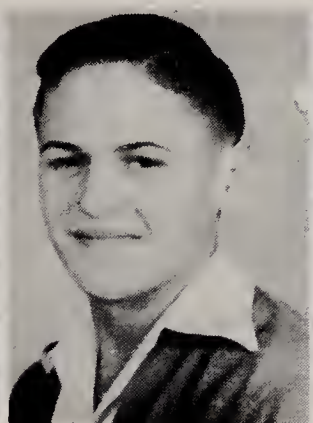
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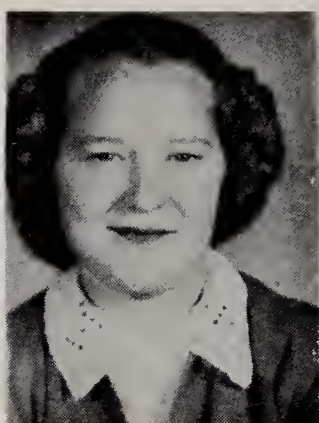
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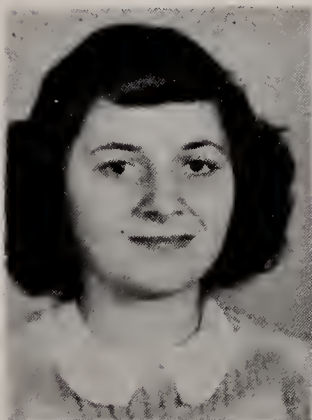
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McCain



Tommy
Sermersheim



Marita
Gress



Nancy
Schwenk



Betty
Armstrong



Mildred
Miller



Alice
Stenftenagel



Juliann
Schuler



Norb
Mehringer

Sophomore Class

When registration was over, things began to settle down, and everyone else was beginning to find their places in the school, a group of students still continued to wander around. No, they weren't Freshmen, because they knew where they were going. But who were they? Ah yes! Sophomores—seventeen of them.

We took time out for greeting old friends, welcoming our little "brothers and sisters", the Frosh, and making them at home in their new found position.

One of our first tasks was to elect class officers to help Mr. Roy Allen, our sponsor, with the guidance of our class through the coming year. The officers were elected as follows:

President—Morris Weidenbenner
Vice-President—Randall McCain
Secretary—Juliann Schuler
Treasurer—Norma Werner.

The most pleasant duty of the Sophomore class is initiating the Freshmen. I think this was enjoyed by all, including the Freshmen.

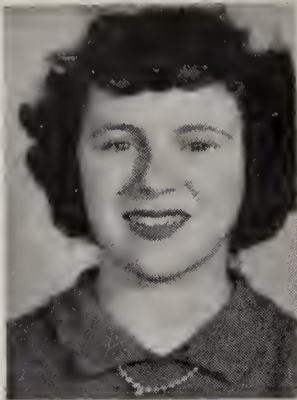
We have received our class sweaters which were ordered in the early fall. Everyone is pleased with them.

We are very proud of our class in sports activities. In basketball we have Paul Schitter, Thomas Sermersheim, and Raphael Ackerman on the second team. Morris Weidenbenner is on the first team, and Norbert Mehringer is a regular on the second team and a sub on the first team. In cheering the Sophomore class stands out by having Betty Rohleder and Juliann Schuler, two of the four cheerleaders.

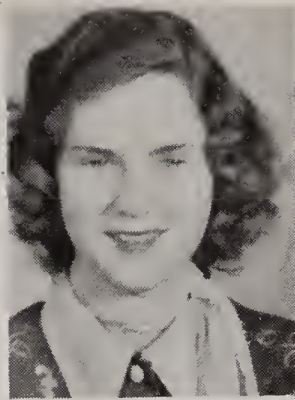
These very successful Sophomores are looking forward to their Junior year with much anticipation and have served their apprenticeship well.



Martha
Schnaus



Betty
Mehringer



Jeanie
Murry



Esther
Bartley



Mary
Bonifer



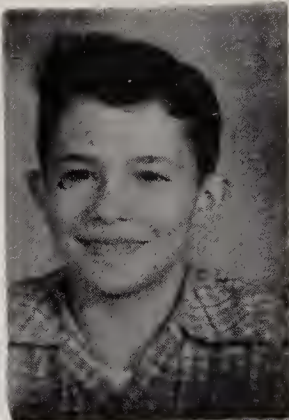
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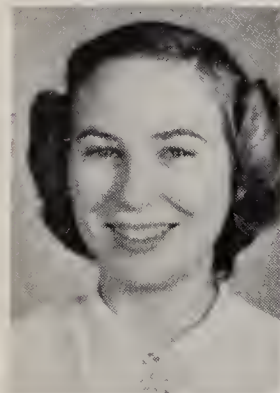
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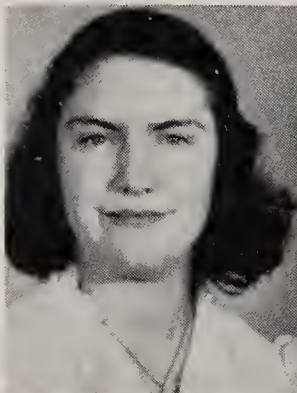
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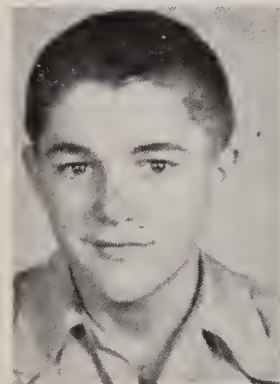
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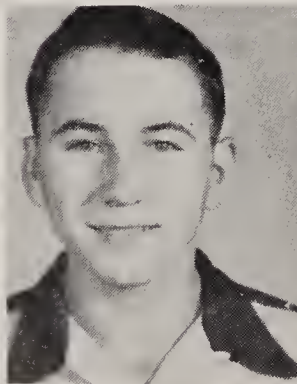
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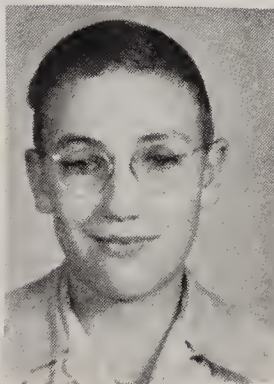
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Freshman Class

"Actions speak louder than words." And, this being true, there is evidently a waste of time in enumerating the good points or bad, as the case might be, of our class and putting them down in cold-blooded type, saying, "There! See what we have accomplished!" Besides, there is always the uneasy possibility that the class may not do so good in the following years.

After the preceding paragraph, it seems entirely consistent to go ahead to enumerate our good points. If any class has a right to blow its own horn and do a little pointing with pride its our Freshman class. We feel that as a "harmonious whole" we have succeeded in leaving our own mark on the halls of I.H.S. We further feel that by our unanimity of thought and action, we have set a mark for future freshman classes, we have helped create an inter-class goodwill that goes far in producing harmony within the school group.

In athletics we have furnished our share of the basketball team. Members from our class are: Tommy Kellams, Tommy Hoffman, Jerry Wagner, Junior Himsel, Jim Weisheit, and Melvin Sermersheim.

The basketball queen for the season was Martha Jane Schnaus, a member of our class. Our other candidate was Betty Ann Mehringer.

A member of our class has the honor to be one of Ireland's four cheer leaders. She is Jeanie Murray.

Our class took a number of interesting field trips.



Activities



ANNUAL STAFF



IRISH GAZETTE STAFF

Annual Staff

To all students of Ireland High School, the "Irishite" presents a recording of their high school life. Although you have already seen the event in real life, everyone likes to refer to it in the future.

At the beginning of this school year we knew that we had some great responsibilities waiting for us. Publishing an annual was one of the greatest ones. But the burden was not left for us to carry alone. Mr. Buechler, our sponsor, aided us in this great task.

The faculty appointed the members of the Senior class to various positions for the annual staff. They were as follows:

Editor-in-chief.....	Donald Bonifer
Assistant Editor.....	Maurice Rohleder
Sports Writers.....	Jim Wigand and Ray Merkley
Advertising Managers.....	Amos Schnaus and Bob Bartley
Co-Managers.....	Rosemarye Mehringer and Margie Ackerman
Class History.....	Mary Terwiske and Leroy Weisheit
Class Prophecy.....	Bettye Leinenbach and Mary Rita Buschkoetter
Class Will.....	Hazel Himself and Rita Durchholz
Cartoonist.....	Wilbur Edwards
Ideals Writer.....	Patty Goeppner
Jokes.....	Lawrence Miller and Lenora Vonderheide
Mimeograph Operator.....	David Schmitt

With the co-operation of the Senior Class and the faculty we have been able to make it a great success. We think of it as our "Masterpiece".

Irish Gazette Staff

The members of Ireland High School are very proud to say that this year is the first year any one from Ireland has ever attempted to publish a school paper. Under the supervision of Mrs. Langley the Senior boys did most of the printing.

This being the first year for the school paper, we had to select a name for it. It was done by secret ballot. The "Irish Gazette" was selected by the majority of the students.

We had to have a staff and it was also chosen by a secret ballot. Those on the staff were as follows:

Editor-in-chief.....	Lawrence Miller
Assistant Editor.....	Lenora Vonderheide
Sports Writers.....	Jim Wigand and Amos Schnaus
Business Manager.....	Ray Merkley
Cartoonist.....	Wilbur Edwards
Feature Writers.....	Patty Goeppner, Hazel Himself, Bettye Leinenbach, Rosemarye Mehringer

Reporters:

Senior.....	Rosemarye Mehringer
Junior.....	Rosemarye Blessinger
Sophomore.....	Bettye Armstrong
Freshman.....	Tommy Kellams
Jokes.....	Anna Schnaus, Mary Terwiske, Rita Durchholz, Leroy Weisheit
Proof Readers.....	Carol Wagner, Margie Ackerman

Senior Class Play

The Senior class, filled with dramatists, gave a grand performance in the "Hobgoblin House", a play that sent shivers down the spine and made every hair stand on end. But for every thrill there was a laugh. Miss Priscilla Carter portrayed by Lenora Vonderheide, had two nieces who fell in love with two "silly young nincompoops". She purchased the grim old Hobgood House in the foothills of the Ozarks and here in the seclusion of the mountains she planned a safe retreat where the girls would not see their lovers for at least six months on penalty of being disinherited. What a mess they got into—ghosts and ghostly doings everywhere.





Junior Class Play

The Junior play was presented in April under the direction of Mr. Buechler with Mr. Allen assisting.

The mischievous pranks of Mr. Braun's young and fun loving heroine, Jane Jasper, who is known as Sunbonnet Jane, furnished everyone with a new height in hilarity. Jane was not alone in her comedy antics. Aided and abetted by her young neighbor, Toby Simpkins, these two brought down the house time and again, and kept the audience in stitches. Jane lived on a farm in Indiana with two aunts. Aunt Miranda was stern and severe and believed in raising children with an iron rod. Aunt Grace was much younger and her sympathies were all with Jane.

The play was a big success and a "feather in the hat" for the Junior Class.

Ideals

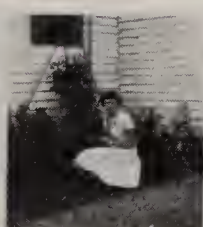
GIRLS

Eyes	Bettye Leinenbach
Smile	Mary Terwiske
Complexion	Patricia Goeppner
Hair.....	Lenora Vonderheide
Neatest Girl	Margie Ackerman
Quietest Girl.....	Mary Rita Buschkoetter
Loudest Girl.....	Guess Who?
Wittiest Girl	Hazel Himsel
Intelligence.....	Rosemary Mehringer

BOYS

Eyes.....	Donald Bonifer
Smile	David Schmitt
Complexion.....	Maurice Rohleder
Hair.....	Amos Schnaus
Neatest Boy.....	Raymond Merkley
Quietest Boy	Jim Wigand
Loudest Boy.....	Wilbur Edwards
Wittiest Boy.....	Leroy Weisheit
Luckiest Boy.....	Robert Bartley
Intelligence.....	Lawrence Miller





Social Activities

Our first social activity was held the latter part of September, which was an old fashioned dance, sponsored by the Senior class. The hall was decorated gaily with crepe paper and straw. This being an old fashioned dance, the boys wore blue jeans and the girls wore skirts and blouses.

On the 6th of October the annual Junior-Senior theatre party was held. This year the Seniors entertained the Juniors and faculty by taking them to the Oakland City Drive In. The movie shown was "Red Pony."

The latter part of October we held a carnival and stunt show. This was held for the purpose of making money for the school to buy a mimeograph machine. It was a great success and we have profited greatly from the mimeograph machine which we were able to buy with the proceeds.

One of our greatest moments in our final year of school was the evening of November 3, when we dedicated our new gym. We also made it greater by beating a great rival of ours, the Troy Trojans.

The latter part of November the Junior class held a Thanksgiving Dance. The dance was a great success.

On December 2, we held our first crowning of the queen in 10 years. The queen was Miss Martha Jane Schnaus and she was crowned by Amos Schnaus, the captain.

The Seniors sponsored the annual Christmas party which was held on December 16. The hall was gaily decorated in the Christmas colors and a large tree was in the center of the hall. Santa Claus then came and distributed the gifts.

On the New Year's Day our class sponsor, Mr. Buechler entertained the seniors with a chicken dinner at his home. The evening was spent in dancing, playing cards, and singing.

As the Senior class is a jolly class and always ready to have parties we held a sleigh-riding party on January 6, on the Miller farm. We spent a very enjoyable evening sleigh-riding and roasting wieners.

When Spring season came the fish began to flop and Leroy caught quite a few, and he had another party in which all the Seniors were ready to come again. We ate fish until we were all filled and then began to dance until it broke up.

The annual Junior and Senior Prom and Commencement exercises concluded our eventful Senior year.

Favorite Expressions

Margie Ackerman..... Oh, My Gosh!

Robert Bartley..... Oh, Yea yea.

Donald Bonifer..... If you don't quit that, I'll take you over my knee

Mary Rita Buschkoetter..... Oh, for goodness sake!

Rita Durcholz..... Huh, what was that!

Wilbur Edwards..... Where were you when stupidity was born?

Patty Goeppner..... Oh, for heaven's sake.

Hazel Mae Himsel..... That's what you think.

Bettye Lou Leinenbach..... Mule Train.

Rosemarye Mehringer..... Oh, I'm so mad.

Ray Merkley..... Oh, my God.

Lawrence Miller..... Holy Cow!

Maurice Rohleder..... You don't say.

David Schmitt..... Why—I haven't done a thing.

Amos Schnaus..... Your Lucky.

Mary Terwiske..... Will you shut-up?

Lenora Vonderheide..... Oh, don't be stupid.

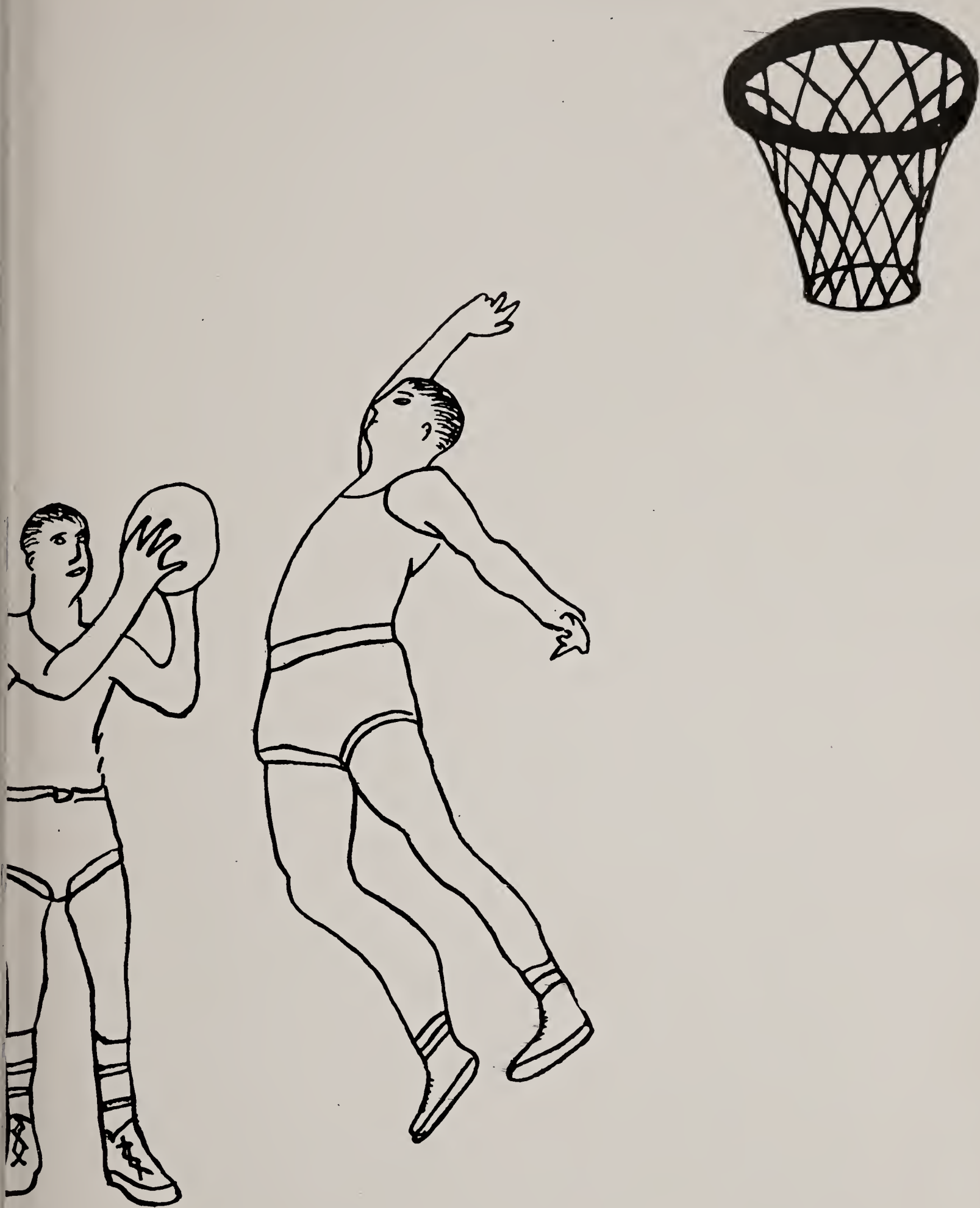
Leroy Weisheit..... Honest to Pete.

Jim Wigand..... Oh, Heck.

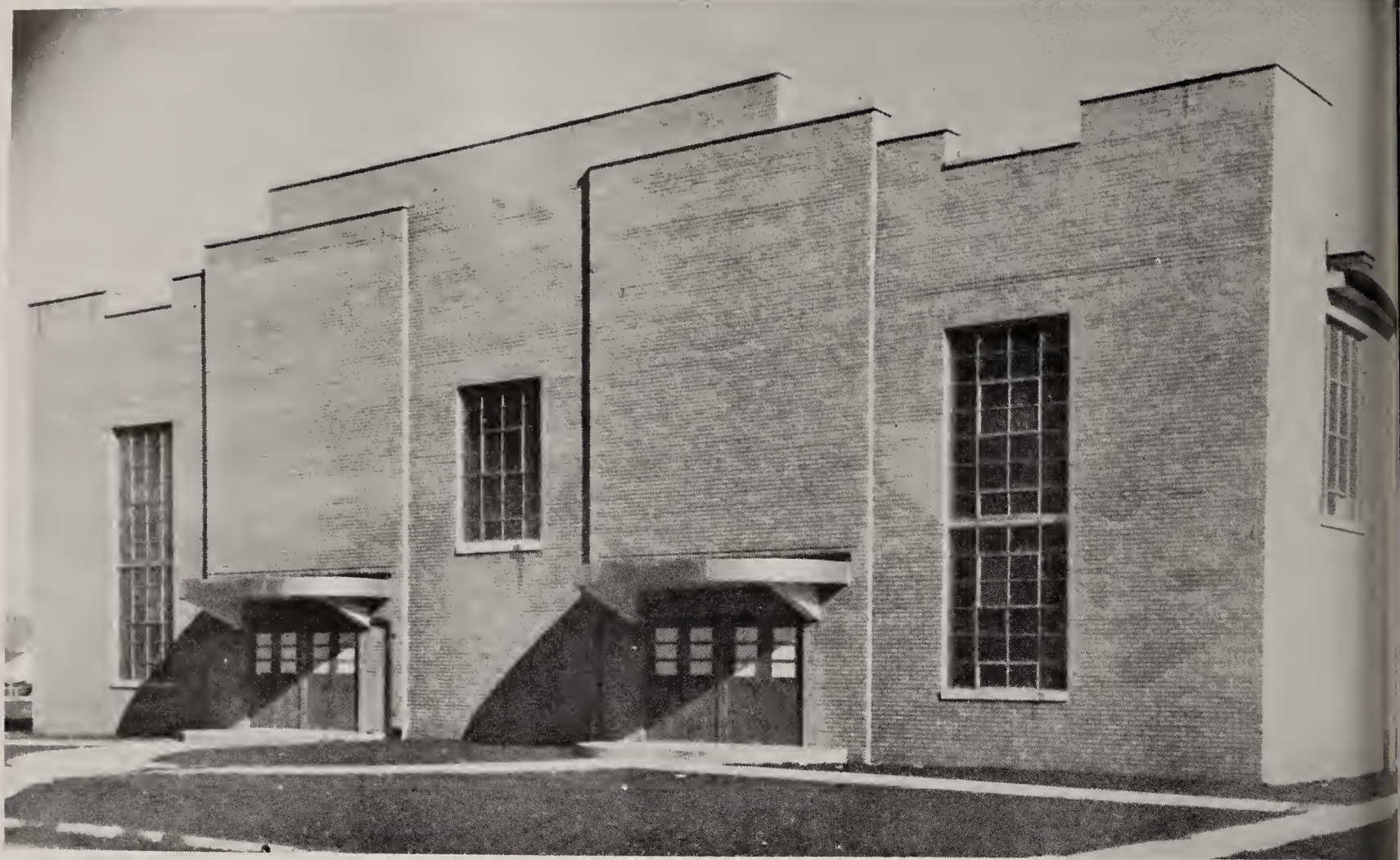


We Wonder Why

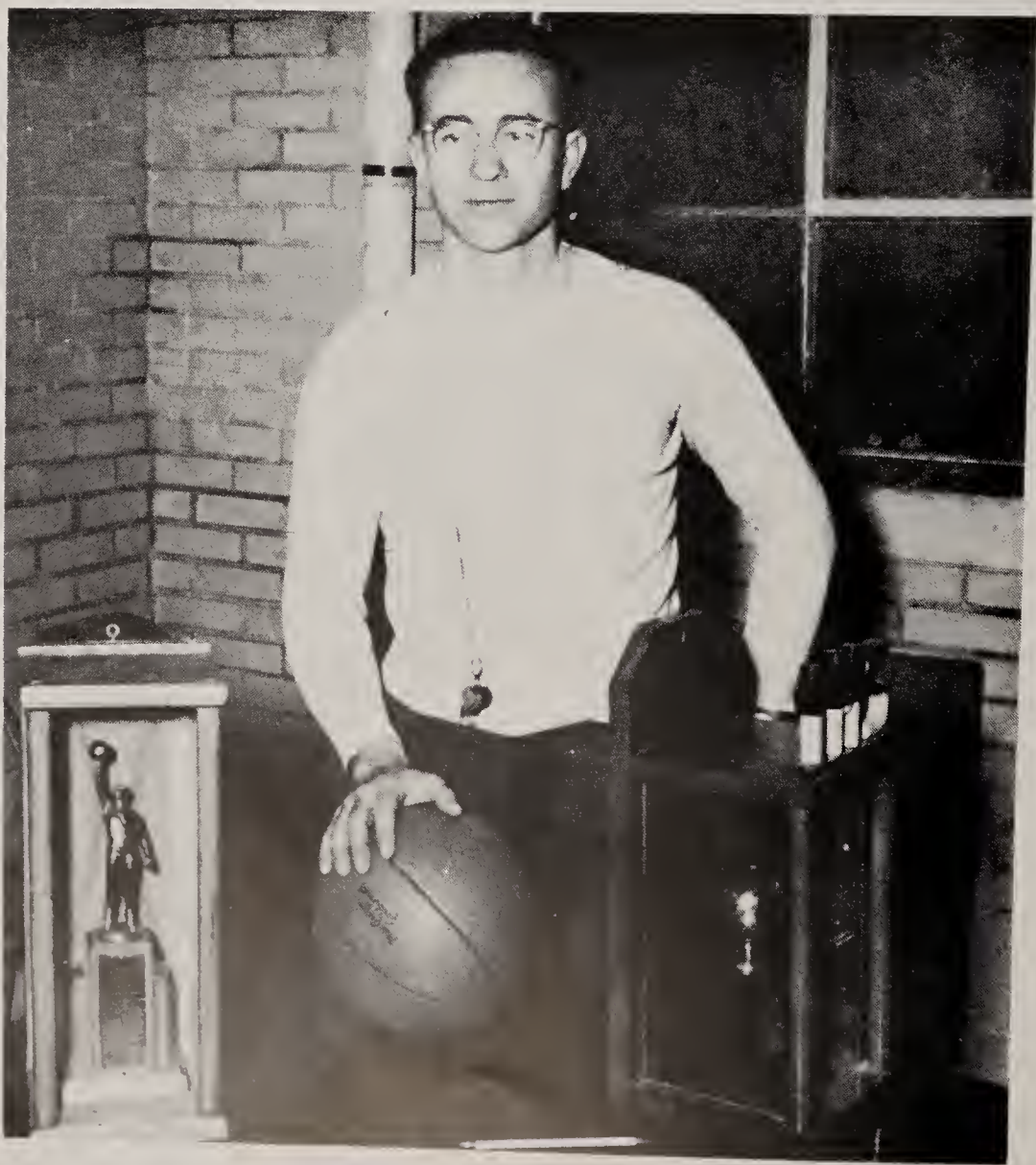
Bobby Bartley always sleeps in Government Class.
Leroy Weisheit is always doing something, but never amounts to anything.
Rita Durcholz comes late to school all the time.
Bettye Leinenbach left so early at Mr. Buechler's Party.
Mary Rita Buschkoetter and Lenora Vonderheide never tell anyone who they date.
Maurice Rohleder's bicycle is left at school for as much as two days at a time.
Margie Ackerman enjoyed working on the annual.
Hazel Himsel never lets anyone take her home from school dances.
David Schmitt can't understand Ireland girls.
Patty Goeppner is always so quiet.
Rosie Mehringer never goes any place but basketball games.
Mary Terwiske is so interested in a certain Washington boy.
Donnie Bonifer got the measles before the Junior Play.
Amos Schnaus very seldom attends a party at school.
Lawrence Miller is the only industrious Senior boy.
Rita Mae Durcholz didn't come to the chicken fry at Mr. Buechler's.
Wilbur Edwards can't get along with English Teachers.
Ray Merkley is always hungry.
Mildred Hulsman always blushes when a boy winks at her.
Millie Miller and Mitzie Gress are always so anxious to go to Dubois.
Why so many Seniors were called out of class at the beginning of the second semester.
Mr. Buechler is always anxious to go to Evansville.
The boys always make comments about Mrs. Langley's Chrysler.
The Senior Class can't agree on anything.
All the Freshman girls are crazy about Tommy Kellams.
Why the Seniors say Economics is a snap course.
Why the Seniors always imitate a certain yell leader.
Alf Burger likes a certain girl with red hair.
Mr. Allen is always in the Home Ec. Room.
The Senior girls always argue with "Woodie" in study hall.
Alf Burger always goes to the Colonial Inn.
Tony Terwiske carries Rosie Blessinger's books home.
Betty Mehringer likes Plymouths.
Wilbur was late for the sled riding party.
Mary Jahn is so quiet.
Leroy Weisheit is never quiet in Government Class.
The Seniors always have to write out the questions at the end of the chapter in Government.
Bob Bartley is so fond of cheeseburgers.
Wilbur Edwards went to Indianapolis on New Year's Eve.
Hazel Himsel reads the Bible in study hall.
Amos Schnaus couldn't come to the annual meetings.
Lenora Vonderheide spends so much time at Ferdinand.
Some Senior boys spent a certain day in Evansville.
Maurice Rohleder always talks to some Sophomore girl.
Mrs. Esarey always wears a hat to school.
Patty Morgan is so interested in Winslow.



ATHLETICS



OUR GYM



COACH ALLEN

Our Gym

About three years ago a progressive group of Ireland people decided to build a gym for the community of Ireland. This was just the beginning; much work was ahead. After about six months of planning, the blueprints were drawn. Leo Stemle was chosen legal advisor and Bob Miller was given the contract to construct the gymnasium which is probably one of the best in Southern Indiana.

It was May of 1948 before construction of the gym was started. Because of lack of material, it took nearly 18 months to complete this task. It was not until November that the building was completed. It has a large stage and two large dressing rooms on the east end, and a large boiler room in the center which provides heat for the building.

On November 3 the dream of the Ireland community came true when the first game was played before a packed house. Ireland subdued Troy to a tune of 51 to 32.

Coach Allen

Mr. Allen, known as Roy to most students in school, has been coaching at Ireland for the past four years. In his first year of coaching, he had a fine record with 13 victories and 5 defeats. The next season he had 15 victories and 5 losses. Considering the place used to play, this was an unusually good record.

The next year without a gym he coached the Spuds through another season of 13 wins and 5 defeats. This year again he came through with a .730 winning team.

Mr. Allen is not only an excellent coach but an inspiration to all of his boys in character and personality. No task is too great for him to undertake. The best of luck to him and his boys in future years.



First row, seated left to right: Anthony Terwiske, student manager; Donald Bonifer, Morris Weidenbenner, Captain Amos Schnaus, Norbert Mehringer, Frank Schmitt. Top row: "Woody" Buechler, assistant coach; Lawrence Miller, Robert Bartley, Ray Merkley, Alf Burger, Maurice Rohleder, Coach Roy Allen.

Shortly after school began two new sets of basketball uniforms were chosen which were green and white. Starting practice on October 1, twenty anticipants showed up for the first practice. Coach Allen chose his first ten the third week in October. Regular practices were held in evenings all during the season. Coaches Allen and Buechler spent many hours, but certainly their time and the team's time was well spent with the fine record the team recorded for the season.

IRELAND SPUDS RECORD

Ireland	51		Troy	32
Ireland	41		Alfordsville	25
Ireland	44		Tennyson	26
Ireland	44		Odon	32
Ireland	41		Dubois	42
Ireland	38		Oil Twp.	45
Ireland	57		Birdseye	26
Ireland	39		English	40
Ireland	42		Mackey	58
Ireland	56	Blind Tourney	Birdseye	23
Ireland	37	Blind Tourney	Troy	38
Ireland	51		Plainville	70
Ireland	44		Elnora	36
Ireland	44		Dubois	39
Ireland	39		Chrisney	29
Ireland	49		Alfordsville	23
Ireland	47		Otwell	44
Ireland	73		Birdseye	26
Ireland	76		Epsom	37
Ireland	70		Epsom	30
Ireland	53	Sectional	Birdseye	29
Ireland	26	Sectional	Winslow	72
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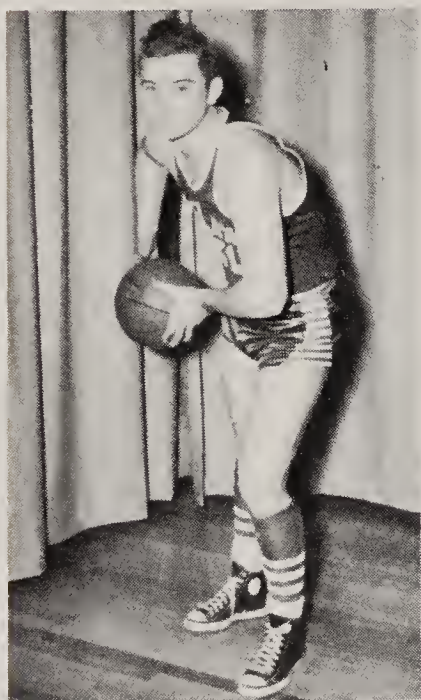
Name	F. G.	F. T.	T. P.	P. F.
Merkley	116	48	280	61
Burger	95	30	220	71
Schnaus	78	48	204	70
Schmitt	45	19	109	49
Bartley	37	20	94	37
Rohleder	21	27	69	9
Bonifer	21	4	46	29
Wiedenbenner	12	6	30	20
Miller	5	0	10	5
Mehringer	1	2	4	2
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Totals	431	204	1066	353



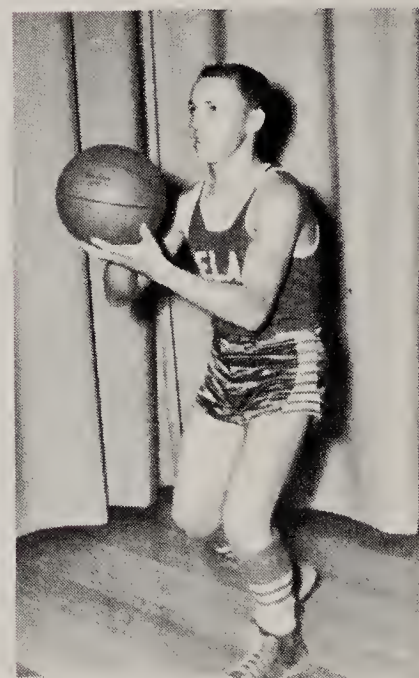
Ray Merkley



Don Bonifer



Bob Bartley



Maurice Rohleder

Our Seniors



Amos Schnaus



Lawrence Miller

Our Seniors 1949-50

BOB BARTLEY—Bob was a member of the squad for three years. He was best known for his defensive work; however he was very good on tip-ins and rebounding. Although not exceptionally fast, he had the knack of getting open.

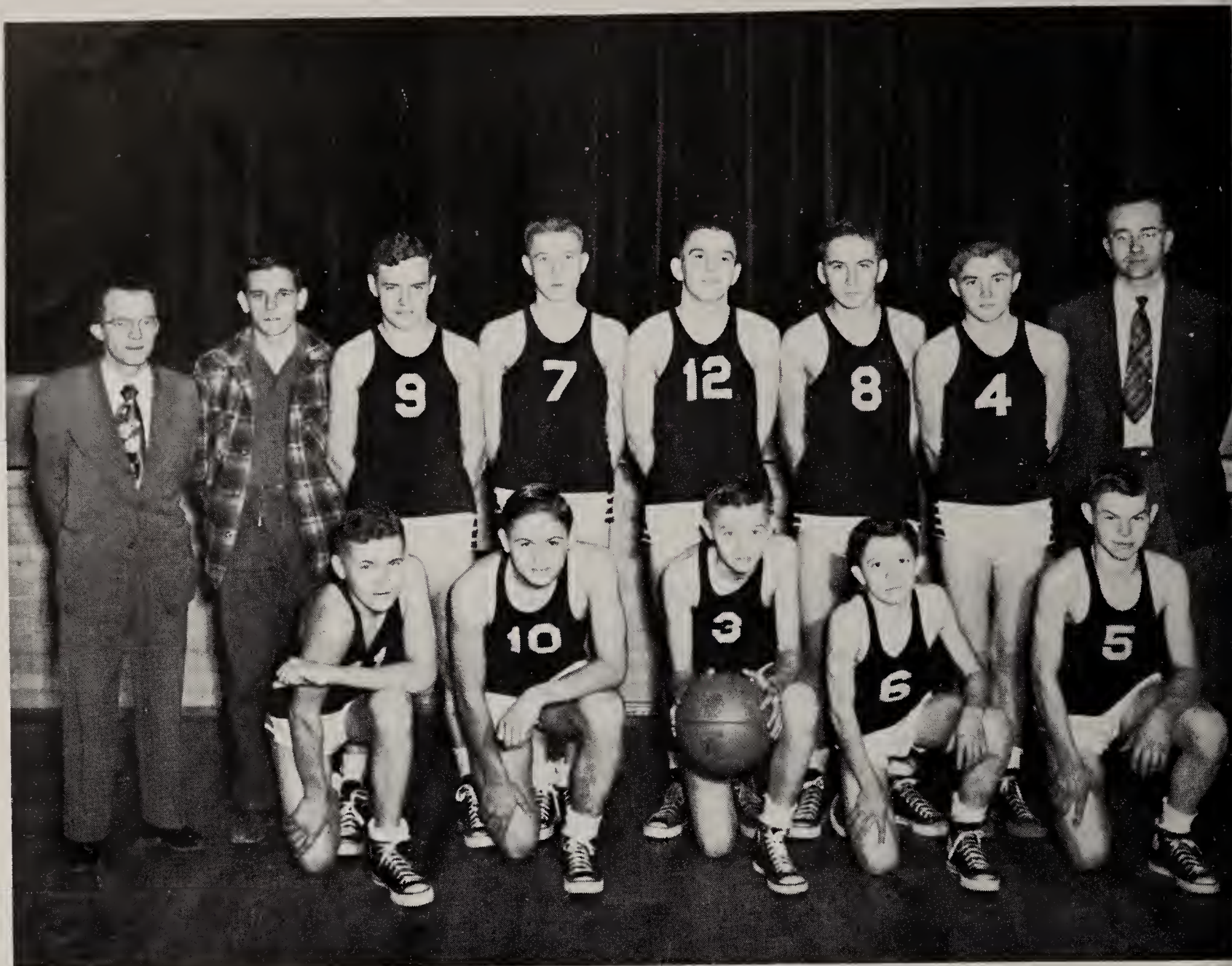
AMOS SCHNAUS—Amos has spent three years on the squad. Being chosen captain in his Senior year, he did a splendid job in leadership. "Amie" was good in breaking up passes and good on fast breaks. His best shooting was on the one handed push shots from the corner.

RAY MERKLEY—During his Senior year he was one of the leading scorers of the team. Ray was an outstanding defensive player as well as offensive. Occasionally he had to take center for Burger and operated in that position as good as the forward post. Ray also was a three year varsity member.

MAURICE ROHLEDER—Maurice, an excellent ball handler, always played good game work. His best performance was in driving through the middle of the other team's defense. The little blonde head was a varsity member for two years.

DONALD BONIFER—"Donie" was a three year member of the squad. He had great defensive ability. He was a handicap to the opponent's fast break. When up to par, his long shots were very valuable.

LAWRENCE MILLER—Although on the squad just one year, Lawrence was valuable to the team as a very good substitute. He was also noted for his cooperation and team work.



First row, kneeling, left to right: Jerry Wagner, Thomas Sermershiem, Captain Paul Schitter, Junie Himsel, Melvin Sermershiem.
Back row: Assistant Coach Earl Buechler, Student Manager James Wigand, Thomas Kellams, Raphael Ackerman, Norbert Mehringer, Thomas Hoffman, James Weisheit, Coach Roy Allen.

SCHEDULE

Nov. 3.....	Ireland.....	27	Troy.....	16
8.....	Ireland.....	12	Alfordsville.....	23
16.....	Ireland.....	29	Tennyson.....	16
18.....	Ireland.....	21	Odon.....	18
30.....	Ireland.....	15	Dubois.....	37
Dec. 2.....	Ireland.....	26	Oil Township.....	22
11.....	Ireland.....	24	Birdseye.....	13
16.....	Ireland.....	25	English.....	19
21.....	Ireland.....	21	Mackey.....	22
Jan. 6.....	Ireland.....	26	Plainville.....	30
13.....	Ireland.....	30	Elnora.....	20
18.....	Ireland.....	13	Dubois.....	26
25.....	Ireland.....	30	Chrisney.....	18
Feb. 1.....	Ireland.....	23	Alfordsville.....	10
3.....	Ireland.....	25	Otwell.....	22
8.....	Ireland.....	36	Birdseye.....	9
10.....	Ireland.....		Epsom.....	
15.....	Ireland.....		Epsom.....	



Patty — Betty — Jeanie — Julie



Jim and Tony



Mr. Buechler, Asst. Coach



Queens Court

Miss Martha Jane Schnaus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schnaus and a Freshman in Ireland High School was elected by the student body as Basketball Queen for the 1949-1950 school year. This was the first time in ten years that a queen had been crowned in Ireland.

Two girls had been nominated by each class, and from these the queen was selected by the entire student body. The other seven girls were attendants.

Miss Schnaus was dressed in a lovely white formal and a beautiful white cape. She had as maid of honor Miss Norma Werner, and her other attendants were Misses Millie Mehringer, Carol Wagner, juniors; Margie Ackerman and Rita Mae Durcholz, seniors; Bettye Ann Mehringer, freshman; and Millie Hulsman, sophomore.

The procession was led by little Miss Betty Bellner and Garry Frank carrying the crown and basketball respectively. As the queen mounted her throne, the team captain, Amos Schnaus, proceeded to the platform and placed the crown upon her head.



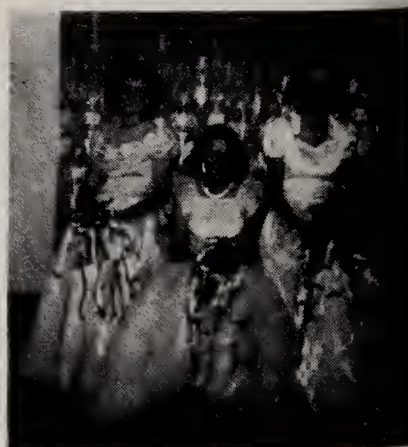
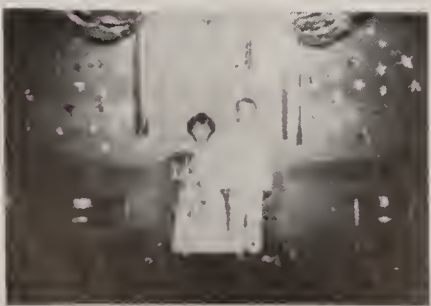
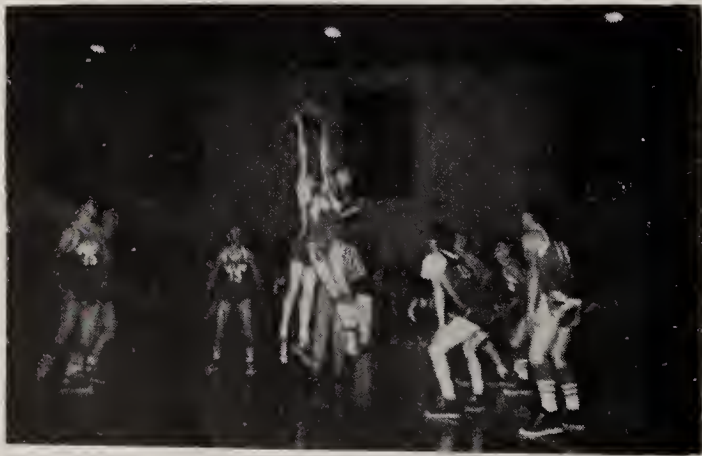
Baseball

Ireland High School organized its first baseball team in the year of 1949. It included the following members: Lawrence Miller, Bob Bartley, Ray Merkley, Maurice Rohleder, Frank Schmitt, Paul Schitter, Donald Bonifer, Tommy Hoffman, Leroy Weisheit, Morris Weidenbenner and Tom Sermersheim.

Baseball was a slow coming sport in I.H.S. but it is here to stay as a permanent sport.

We had only two games last fall, and both were with Holland, in which we were defeated both times by a slim margin.

A full schedule was played in the spring. Coach Allen is looking ahead to an excellent team for next year since the foundations have been laid.



Jokes

Mr. Allen: "Why is it more healthful to breathe through your nose?"
Mary: "Because you stay out of trouble when you keep your mouth shut."

Hazel: "Say Pat, it's all over the house."
Pat: "What?"
Hazel: "The roof of course."

Mr. Lasher: "Late again."
Rita Mae: "Not a word, Mr. Lasher, so am I."

Mr. Buechler: "What happens when a tadpole loses it's tail?"
Ray: "It is called a frog that is caught and sent to the market to be retailed."

Betty Lou: "You ain't seen my diamond yet, have you?"
Mr. Lasher: "Do you mean your dime one?"

Rosie: (applying for job in office) "Yes, sir I can type." "I use the Biblical system."
Office Manager: "Never heard of it."
Rosie: "Seek and ye shall find."

Bob: "How can I remove stains from my trousers so that they won't return?"
Jim: "Use scissors."

Man (rushing into county clerk's office): "I want a license and hurry, please."
Clerk: "Marriage, hunting or dog license?"
Man: "Marriage. I've hunted long enough and led a dog's life while doing it. Now I'm ready to get married."

Census Taker: "What does your father do?"
Leroy: "Well, he chews tobacco."

Mary Rita: "Is my face dirty or is it my imagination?"
Lenora: "Your face is clean but I don't know about your imagination."

I'll Never Forget

MARGIE ACKERMAN—The holiday festival at Huntingburg when I was queen of Ireland.

DONALD BONIFER—The time I broke out with measles during the matinee of our Junior Play and when I had to kiss Bettye.

ROBERT BARTLEY—The time we came home from Troy after the ball game.

MARY RITA BUSCHKOETTER—The four happy years I attended Ireland High School.

RITA DURCHOLZ—Being candidate for basketball queen.

WILBUR EDWARDS—The day I got to school on time.

PATRICIA GOEPPNER—The wonderful six weeks Rosie, Lenora, Mary and I spent in the Home Ec. Room while the others had play practice.

HAZEL MAE HIMSEL—The first time I tried to drive the Driver's Training Car.

BETTYE LOU LEINENBACH—The day I was called out of three classes.

ROSEMARYE MEHRINGER—The night Miss Miller chased me home from our Junior Class play because I had the measles.

RAY MERKLEY—The Junior-Senior Prom in my Junior year.

LAWRENCE MILLER—The wonderful English classes I shared with our three English teachers.

MAURICE ROHLEDER—The good times I had with certain girls.

DAVID SCHMITT—Our Junior Class Play.

AMOS SCHNAUS—Last year when some of the Junior and Senior boys took off and went fishing. We ended up in the Huntingburg girls' Physical Ed Class and got double F's in bookkeeping.

MARY TERWISKE—The time I walked out of Miss Broadwell's English Class.

LENORA VONDERHEIDE—My one and only "E" in Citizenship.

LEROY WEISHEIT—The time I almost ran over our principal, Mr. Lasher.

JIM WIGAND—The time when Mr. Lasher called me a "spoiled baby."

JULIANN SCHULER will never be forgotten for helping on the annual.

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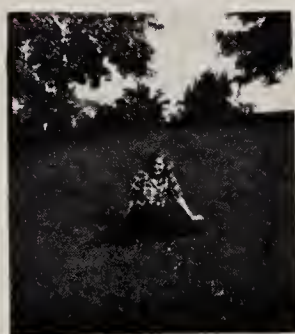
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